

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. The current status of claims 1-42 is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended). A D-ring handle comprising:

(a) a D-shaped ring member including a curved leg and a base; ~~and,~~

(b) at least one tab integrally connected to said D-shaped ring member;

said D-shaped ring member configured to be rotatably coupled to a substrate member and
for communication with a latch actuator; and

said at least one tab is connected to said D-shaped ring member such that when pressure is applied thereto, said D-shaped ring member moves outward.

2. (Currently Amended). The D-ring handle of Claim 1, additionally comprising: a substrate member, and wherein said base of said D-shaped ring member is rotatably coupled to said substrate member.

3. (Currently Amended). The D-ring handle of Claim 2, additionally comprising: a foot member, wherein said base includes a block member integrally attached to said base, said block member includes a hole which passes through said block member, and said foot member includes a pair of opposed protrusions, which receive and hold a pin member, which passes through said block member to pivotally attach said D-shaped ring member to said foot member and rotatably attach said D-shaped ring member to said substrate member.

4. (Currently Amended). The D-ring handle of Claim 2, additionally comprising: a foot member, and wherein said base includes at least two tube members integrally attached to said base, and said foot member includes a pair of opposed protrusions, which receive and hold a pin member, which passes through said tube members to pivotally attach said D-shaped ring member to said foot member and rotatably attach said D-shaped ring member to said substrate member.

5. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of Claim 1, wherein said at least one tab includes an outer edge having a shape with at least one rounded portion.

6. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of Claim 1, wherein said at least one tab projects at an angle away from said D-shaped ring member.

7. (Currently Amended). The D-ring handle of Claim 2 1, ~~wherein said~~ additionally comprising: a foot member has an including oppositely disposed outer flange flanges and a recessed portion intermediate said flanges for receiving a portion of said D-shaped ring member.

8. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of Claim 3, wherein said base is L-shaped to form a ledge.

9. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of Claim 4, wherein said base is J-shaped to form a curve.

10. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of Claim 2, wherein said base is a rectangular shaped file rod.

11. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of Claim 1, wherein said D-shaped ring member has a unitary construction, with said leg and base integrally attached to one another.

12. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of Claim 1, wherein said curved leg of said D-shaped ring member is hingedly attached to said base of said D-shaped ring member.

13. (Currently Amended). The D-ring handle of Claim 1, wherein said foot member is configured to actuate a latch member.

14. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of Claim 1, wherein said D-ring handle is used on emergency vehicles.

15. (Currently Amended). A handle for use with emergency vehicles, said handle comprising:

~~(a)~~ a ring member including a leg and a base; and,

~~(b)~~ at least one tab integrally connected to said ring member;

said ring member configured to be rotatably coupled to a faceplate and for
communication with a latch actuator; and, and

said at least one tab is connected to said ring member such that when pressure is applied thereto, said ring member moves outward.

16. (Currently Amended). The handle of Claim 15, additionally comprising: a faceplate, and wherein said base of said ring member is rotatably coupled to said faceplate.

17. (Currently Amended). The handle of Claim 16, additionally comprising: a foot member, wherein said base includes a block member integrally attached to said base, said block member includes a hole that passes through said block member, and said foot member includes a pair of opposed protrusions, which receive and hold a pin member, which passes through said block member to pivotally attach said ring member to said foot member and rotatably attach said ring member to said faceplate.

18. (Currently Amended). The handle of Claim 16, additionally comprising: a foot member, wherein said base includes at least two tube members integrally attached to said base, and said foot member includes a pair of opposed protrusions, which receive and hold a pin member, which passes through said tube members to pivotally attach said ring member to said foot member and rotatably attach said ring member to said face plate.

19. (Previously Presented). The handle of Claim 15, wherein said ring member has a unitary construction, with said leg and said base integrally attached to one another.

20. (Previously Presented). The handle of Claim 15, wherein said leg of said ring member is hingedly attached to said base of said ring member.

21. (Previously Presented). The handle of Claim 17, wherein said foot member is configured to actuate a latch member.

22. (Previously Presented). A D-ring handle for use with emergency vehicles, said D-ring handle comprising:

(a) a D-shaped ring member having a curved leg and a base, said D-shaped ring member having a unitary construction, said leg and said base are integrally attached to one another;

(b) at least one tab integrally connected to said base, with said base of said D-shaped ring member rotatably coupled to a substrate member, such that pressure on said at least one tab moves said D-shaped ring member outward; and

(c) a foot member including a pair of opposed supports for being hingedly attached to said D-shaped ring member, said foot member configured for rotatably coupling to a substrate member to actuate a latch member.

23. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of Claim 22, wherein said base includes a block member, integrally attached to said base, said block member includes a hole that passes through said block member, and said foot member includes said pair of opposed supports, which receive and hold a pin member, which passes through said block member and at least partially through each of said opposed supports to rotatably attach said D-shaped ring member to a substrate member.

24. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of Claim 22, wherein said base includes at least two tube members and said foot member includes said pair of opposed supports, which receive

and hold a pin member, which passes through said tube members and at least partially through each of said opposed supports to rotatably attach said D-shaped ring member to a substrate member.

25. (Previously Presented). A D-ring handle for use with emergency vehicles, said D-ring handle comprising:

- (a) a D-shaped ring member configured for being hingedly coupled to a faceplate, said D-shaped ring member having a curved leg and a base, said D-shaped ring member having a unitary construction, said leg and base being integrally attached to one another;
- (b) at least one tab integrally connected to said base, said D-shaped ring member configured for being rotatably coupled to a faceplate, said at least one tab configured with respect to said base such that when pressure is applied thereto, said D-shaped ring member moves outward; and,
- (c) a foot member including a pair of opposed supports for receiving a portion of said base member, and configured for rotating relative to a faceplate for actuating a latch member.

26. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 1, wherein said at least one tab is connected to said D-ring member at said base.

27. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 26, wherein said base includes a top edge and said at least one tab is connected to said base at said top edge.

28. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 27, wherein said at least one tab includes one tab.
29. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 12, wherein said at least one tab is attached to said curved leg of said D-shaped ring member.
30. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 12, wherein said curved leg includes ends and said at least one tab includes two tabs, each of said tabs connected to an end of said curved leg.
31. (Previously Presented). The handle of claim 15, wherein said at least one tab is connected to said D-ring member at said base.
32. (Previously Presented). The handle of claim 31, wherein said base includes a top edge and said at least one tab is connected to said base at said top edge.
33. (Previously Presented). The handle of claim 32, wherein said at least one tab includes one tab.
34. (Previously Presented). The handle of claim 20, wherein said at least one tab is attached to said curved leg of said ring member.

35. (Previously Presented). The handle of claim 20, wherein said curved leg includes ends and said at least one tab includes two tabs, each of said tabs connected to an end of said curved leg.
36. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 23, additionally comprising: a substrate member.
37. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 24, additionally comprising: a substrate member.
38. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 22, wherein said base includes a top edge and said at least one tab is connected to said base at said top edge.
39. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 38, wherein said at least one tab includes one tab.
40. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 25, wherein said base includes a top edge and said at least one tab is connected to said base at said top edge.
41. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 40, wherein said at least one tab includes one tab.
42. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 25, additionally comprising: a faceplate.